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Dear Tom,

Forgive the informality, but your nice letter puts me more at ease. It seems to defy credibility that you would take the time to hand-letter a personal message of such length to me at this busy time. It bespeaks your character.

Because it is obvious that every minute is important to you right now, I will keep this as short as possible.

I mainly want to mitigate your feeling that I was questioning your integrity. I know what sort of an environment Chuck and Martha provided you...one which would be intolerant of anything or anyone of questionable integrity.

It is the rampant revolving-door nature of our world of legislators and lobbyists, to me our nation's greatest problem, with a congress characterized as long ago as by Coolidge as "the finest money can buy," that makes me so sensitive to the direction our nation seems to be taking.

I am deeply concerned about our failure in recent years to follow the directives of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. We seem to be yielding more and more to the interests of big business over the common citizen.

That is my concern; not only in the Comcast/Time-Warner issue, but now in the AT&T/DirectTV hassle. It seems to me that the cable industry has been grossly unregulated in the past, resulting in ridiculous charges in situations where the consumer has no choice. Even in my ignorance of all the facts and background, my tendency would be to turn down both of these proposals. I have no doubt that the giant firms would continue to prosper, no matter what the outcome, and vice versa for the consumer. Perhaps if I understaood all the nuances of these issues I might think differently.

I just hope that your integrity, of which I have no doubt, helps to dictate the proper decisions in these cases.

Thanks, again, for your personal attention. In my book you are really unique, in the true sense of the word.

Best wishes to you in your demanding responsibilities in one of our most important governmental positions.

Cordially

A. Lovell Elliott

PS: I wish that there could be the opportunity to share with you our mutual involvement with American history. When I closed my Columbus advertising agency 30 years ago and moved to Cape Cod, I became a full-time dealer in historical documents and autographs because of my interest in the presidents. Until recent months, I have always had in stock all of the presidents and hundreds of others from Hitler to Marilyn Monroe. Franklin is my idol and I have the second from the last letter that he wrote to Debbie from London. Still have several Lincolns and a great letter of Washington. One final comment; then I'll shut up. The thought occured that you probably knew Walker and Betty Lowman. It was Walker who recommended your Father to me. I have just had a nice note from Karen. Regretably, it was occasioned by my wife's death a week ago yesterday. She was a sorority sister of Betty and arranged Walker and Betty's first date.